

Arab tales of Israel-U.S. gap denied

By Diplomatic Correspondent

A gap between Israel and the U.S. has not widened as a result of talks to Washington by Arab leaders. Acting Premier Shimon Peres made this point to the cabinet during a brief policy discussion in which ministers sought to see President Carter's more serious tone in recent days on Middle East prospects.

Peres said that the Arabs were not accounts of the meetings between Carter and Arab leaders. He said that the Americans insisted that there had been no crossfire. Arab shift in the U.S. positions made believe. "American officials seen at pains to stress this in subsequent meetings with Israeli officials," Mr. Peres reported.

He said that the question of defensible borders and on the Palestinian issue existed before Carter's present round of talks with Middle Eastern leaders began. Peres noted, and it stated, in the same dimensions, to Foreign Minister Allon. He noted that the Cabinet's "clarification" of Israel's Geneva policy — to the effect that Israel is as open as anyone to see the Geneva conference reconvened, but believes it is in the best interests to plan in advance.

Knesset debates

Comptroller's report today

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset will today debate the Comptroller's report on the demand of the Likud opposition bloc, with special reference to his findings on the Israel Defense Forces. Likud leader Menachem Begin will present an urgent motion, for the agenda on the report in his first parliamentary appearance since being hospitalized. Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz will reply. Defence Minister Shimon Peres may also ask the floor to "fill in" after Rabinowitz's reply.

The National Religious Party will also put up a speaker on an urgent motion about drug-taking in the schools in the light of the revelations from Ramat Hasharon. The speaker will be either Yosef Burg or Yehuda Ben-Meir. Education Minister Aharon Yadin will reply.

The Knesset will also hold the second and third readings of an amendment to the National Insurance Law improving payments for IDF reserve soldiers.

The Knesset will be meeting in a special session during recess. The Likud supplied the statutory 30 signatures for its own as well as for the NRP motions.

Police seize ILM in foreign currency

Jerusalem police on Friday arrested a Hebrew man who was carrying more than ILM worth of foreign currency in his car. He was apprehended during a routine security search at a check point on Hebron Road in the capital.

Police found a variety of foreign currencies in the car, including German marks, dollars, sterling, French and Belgian francs. They believe the suspect was trying to smuggle the money to Jordan where foreign currencies fetch a higher price than in Israel.

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Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur shakes hands with Labour Minister Moshe Barak after yesterday's Cabinet meeting, at which the State Comptroller's report on the armed forces was discussed. (Story page 2.) (Rahmim Yisraeli)

Eban says he'll produce records of his accounts

Jerusalem Post Staff

Ahha Eban MK has undertaken to furnish the Treasury with the documentary records of his bank accounts abroad during recent years — including copies of contracts with his publishers. Sources close to Eban and Treasury sources said yesterday that the former foreign minister had promised to supply this material as soon as possible. It is understood, though, that it will take a week or longer until all the material is in.

Only then will the Treasury form a final opinion on whether Eban committed an offence against the foreign currency regulations. The Treasury will then submit the entire Eban file, together with its opinion, to Attorney-General Aharon Barak for his ruling. Barak will decide whether Eban is innocent or whether there is evidence to justify prosecution or an administrative fine.

Eban insists that he received a permit 10 years ago to hold currency abroad, for use in connection with his literary activities — and there is strong independent evidence that he did indeed receive one, though neither he nor the Treasury can unearth a copy of it today.

But the Treasury wishes to examine whether he kept within the terms of that permit over the years. His holdings abroad increased from \$16,000 in 1967 to over \$100,000 today.

In Tel Aviv on Friday Eban urged his Alignment colleagues to fight the efforts at "character assassination" which, he said, were being aimed at him.

"A political movement with any

measure of self-respect cannot just wash its hands off, or be indifferent to, such phenomena of character assassination," he said at a meeting of the Alignment's Knesset candidates. "If the thrust for innocent blood is not quelled, who knows what the end of our society will be?"

Eban hit out at unidentified Treasury officials who had been quoted by newsmen as saying he might be prosecuted.

His books, he maintained, had earned Israel considerable amounts of foreign currency. But some money had had to be kept abroad in case he could not write some of the commissioned books and had to return the advances to his publisher.

But Likud leader Simha Ehrlich blasted Eban at a dinner at the Bar Association a few hours later. Ehrlich said the Treasury had never permitted holding savings accounts abroad (as Eban apparently did). Ehrlich said that people who wanted to be ministers should be doubly careful to obey the law. He criticized Eban for "not even thinking" of quitting his party's Knesset list.

Another Likud Liberal, Gideon Palti MK, last night accused the Alignment of deliberately slowing the Eban case out of political considerations. In a cable to Justice Minister Haim Zadok, Palti said that Finance Minister Rabinowitz, his official and Eban himself were deliberately holding up the flow of evidence on the case to Attorney-General Barak with a view to keeping him inactive until after the May 17 elections.

Eight-hour delay possible as El Al resumes flights

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Delays from one to eight hours in actual departure time are expected as El Al resumes regular flights this morning, the El Al spokesman said last night.

Flights were cancelled over the weekend after the line maintenance crews "absented themselves" from work on Friday afternoon following a breakdown in negotiations with management.

Eleven outgoing flights, carrying a total of 1,700 passengers, are scheduled to leave today. Another 11 incoming flights, carrying a similar number of passengers, are expected to arrive. The Johannesburg flight, which should have departed over the weekend, should leave this morning.

According to the spokesman, efforts are being made to inform all passengers scheduled to leave today of the actual departure time. Passengers are asked to check with El Al before going to the airport. This includes passengers on tomorrow's flights.

The resumption of flights is made possible by the decision of the works committee of the line maintenance crews to return to work at midnight last night. The committee made this decision after the Histadrut promised to look "energetically" into the dispute.

Most of the 3,500 outgoing passengers stranded in Israel over

the weekend and yesterday have already been shifted to foreign airlines or flown abroad in planes chartered by El Al. The same holds true for most of the 3,500 incoming passengers who were stranded abroad.

Nevertheless, there were loud complaints from passengers of not being informed about the strike until they arrived at the airport. Others said that even if El Al found alternative flights for them, they had missed their connecting flights in Europe, often to the U.S., causing severe difficulties in making flight arrangements. At one point, the rate passengers were ready to storm El Al headquarters.

El Al announced that it had lost between \$600,000 to \$700,000 each day of the two-day strike, and most important, "our reputation has again been damaged," the spokesman said.

The strikers are to have their pay docked for not working, according to a decision taken by the El Al board in consultation with Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi.

Ya'acobi last night warned that any further organized interruption of work will lead to a shutdown of the company until appropriate conditions for regular functioning are restored.

The minister thereby confirmed the decision of El Al's directors to (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

New M.E. war 'not imminent' despite strong Assad threat

By MICHAEL MORTON

Special to The Jerusalem Post

DAMASCUS. — President Hafez Assad's threat to launch a fifth Arab-Israeli war reflects his growing irritation over the slow pace of progress towards a Middle East settlement. But the Syrian leader's patience is far from exhausted and he is unlikely to take the military option for at least two years.

This is the consensus of views held by Syrian officials and Westerners here following a busy diplomatic period during which Assad conferred with Kremlin leaders in Moscow and received British Foreign Secretary David Owen, the sixth European foreign minister to visit Syria this year.

Assad made headlines in the world press when he proclaimed: "If a Geneva conference is not held and a just settlement is not reached, and if Arab territory and the national rights of the Palestinian people are not restored, then Syria, Jordan, Egypt and all the Arab countries will seek without hesitating to achieve this by force."

The Syrian president added: "Why should the Arabs be more enthusiastic about Geneva than Israel? Why should the Arabs be more enthusiastic about peace in the Middle East than Israel?"

Assad's bellicose language contrasted with the image of the cool-headed statesman he has been striving to create since the Yom Kippur War. But it would be a mistake to read too much into this latest violent utterance.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, King Hussein of Jordan and Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon have all expressed their conflicting appreciations of prospects for peace during the past week or two. So it was logically Assad's turn to see that Syria gets an international hearing.

Syria is certain to reaffirm its intention to keep the peace by renewing the mandate of the UN Demarcation Observer Force (Undof) which comes up for renewal next month. However, strong Assad's public language may be, he is in no mood for brinkmanship.

A senior Syrian official told me: "Renewal of the Undof mandate is purely a routine matter. We won't argue about it. It is up to the UN to send us a request. We expect to receive this from Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim a few days before the expiry date."

But the same official warned it would be unwise to regard the presence of UN forces as a vaccination against a new Middle East war. He said: "The 1967 war broke out regardless of the fact that UN troops were stationed in the area."

He added: "Syria is not setting a deadline. But there now exists a golden opportunity for peace and it won't last forever. Our patience will run out eventually if the Israelis do not respond. King Hussein of Jordan was right on target recently when he said the Middle East is heading for catastrophe."

The Syrians have no illusions that Israel's general election in May could produce a change of heart among their enemies. An aide close to Assad told me: "Meir, Rabin, Peres, it's the same rag-bag. Whenever the government changes, policy stays the same. Rabin had a

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Sadat says Peking is supplying plane parts

Post Middle East Affairs Editor

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last night revealed that spare parts and engines for his Soviet-made air force have been flowing in from Peking for some time now. He indicated that much of the Chinese aid was provided free of charge. He did not make clear whether he was also receiving Chinese-manufactured weapons.

In a May Day speech in Alexandria, Sadat reiterated the claim that the Soviets were still withholding arms supplies and he went on to imply that he and the Kremlin leaders had now reached the most crucial phase in their relationship.

He said that he would soon "draw the appropriate conclusions" from his relations with Moscow unless the Kremlin withdrew a recent memorandum charging Egypt with expansionist ambitions in neighbouring Libya, which has become a close Soviet ally.

Launching a scathing attack on the Soviets, Sadat recalled that the Kremlin itself was currently seeking to expand into Africa beyond its penetration of Libya, Angola and Ethiopia, as well as its support of the

Angolan invasion of Zaïre.

Sadat said that only yesterday morning he had decided to dispatch Egyptian pilots to Zaïre to operate that country's entire air force and help it crush the Communist-backed invasion of the southern province of Shaba.

The Egyptian leader said that, for the past two months, the Soviet Union had been mounting a hostile campaign against his regime — inside and outside Egypt. He did not elaborate, but said that the Soviets were still fighting "the war of May 1971" — when Sadat ousted all his Moscow-oriented aides, including the then Vice-President Ali Sabry.

Sadat went on to blast the Soviet "state-controlled" media for referring to last January's anti-tax riots as a "popular uprising." He asked: "Te burning hussas, sabotaging railways and looting markets to be considered a popular uprising?" He charged that the Soviets were plagued with a "blind grudge" against him.

Sadat went out of his way to assure the Soviets that he fully intends to remain in power, claiming that his regime was never more solid.

The Egyptian leader boasted that his country's ailing economy would as early as next Monday receive an injection of \$1.50. from Arab oil-rich

states. "There will be a further \$500m. to come plus \$300m. which a number of banks in various countries approved in loans only three days ago," Sadat added that the Soviets would do well to take note of this.

Sadat told his audience that their country should be better off economically by 1980, noting that the Suez Canal revenues, now \$500m. a year, should be double that by then, bolstering the country's future oil income and "open door economy."

He made scant mention of the Israel-Arab conflict, stressing even there that the Soviets have sought to cast suspicion over his recent Middle East mission to West Germany, France and the U.S. The two Western European countries, he said, "were clear as to the concept of Israel's total withdrawal and a comprehensive settlement" in the region.

The U.S., however, took no clear-cut position, he said. He noted that President Jimmy Carter was awaiting to complete his consultations with all the leaders of the region "including Israel's new Prime Minister (Shimoon) Peres," before determining the American stance. "We have agreed that communications with the U.S. would remain open in any event," Sadat said.

Oxford dictionary shows bias

By MARK REGAL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The Oxford University Press has admitted to bowing to Arab pressure by removing all reference to Israel in its forthcoming edition of the concise Oxford dictionary. It also amended the "Palestine" entry to include references to the PLO and "guerrillas."

An O.U.P. spokeswoman confirmed the changes had been introduced in order "to avoid any political connotations."

The present entry defines Jerusalem as "In Israel, the Holy City of Christians, Jews and Moslems."

The new entry will be "Jerusalem — west of the River Jordan."

The spokeswoman said, "after all, its future is in doubt isn't it?" She did not agree that by introducing this change the O.U.P. was taking sides and committed a political act.

Another change in the forthcoming edition of the dictionary will be to omit the current definition of Palestinian — "person seeking to displace Israelis from Palestine."

The spokeswoman confirmed that the changes followed representations made by the Arab lobbyist "Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding."

PLO rejects Sarkis demand to limit its forces in camps

Post Middle East Affairs Editor

The Palestine Liberation Organization yesterday reportedly rejected a demand by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis that the number of armed men in Palestinian refugee camps be limited to seven per 1,000 inhabitants.

Reports from Beirut said that the PLO had announced its rejection of the Lebanese demand following an emergency session of Yasser Arafat's executive committee.

Sarkis' demand was in line with the revised version of a 1969 Cairo formula restricting the PLO presence and activity in Lebanon. Christian militiamen who threaten to restrict the PLO by force reported that the revised Cairo formula has been approved by Syria, whose troops snuffed out Lebanon's 20-month civil war last November.

The PLO and its leftist allies yesterday showed their still considerable strength when tens of thousands of their camp took part in a May Day rally in honour of Kamel

Jumblatt, the leftist leader who was assassinated recently.

Addressing the frenzied crowds, Arafat vowed that "the Palestinian revolution will carry on, and on, and on." He said "the Palestinian-Lebanese marriage will live forever, and be consolidated by the blood of Jumblatt and his comrades."

30 killed in Turkish May Day shootout

ISTANBUL. — Shots from a government building's roof touched off a wild gunbattle yesterday among leftists at a May Day rally here, leaving at least 30 persons dead and several buildings ablaze.

The Turkish news agency reported that the Istanbul violence began when machinegun and pistol fire was sprayed into a crowd estimated at 100,000 who had gathered at Taksim Square for a rally organized by Disk, the Confederation of Revolutionary Trades Unions.



Blue-shirted youth from kibbutzim and pioneering youth movements demonstrate in Tel Aviv on Saturday with placards that proclaim "Enough whining in this country." (May Day story, page 2.) (IPPA)

Uranium for 30 bombs said 'diverted' to Dimona

WASHINGTON. — A report that Israel obtained 220 tons of uranium that disappeared from a freighter on the high seas is to be investigated by the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee. The incident, which allegedly occurred nine years ago, was reported on Friday by two prominent newspapers and related independently by a U.S. official to a conference in Austria.

According to the reports, the uranium is probably being used to fuel the nuclear power plant near Dimona that produces enough plutonium each year to build a bomb of the size dropped on Nagasaki. The 220 tons could run the Dimona plant for 20 years and produce 30 nuclear weapons, the reports said.

U.S. officials have refused to discuss the reports.

The "Los Angeles Times" and the "New York Times" published reports about the 1968 uranium incident on Friday.

And in Salzburg, Austria, a former Senate aide quoted authoritative sources as the basis for his version of the story, which he related to a meeting of nuclear energy critics.

Paul Leventhal, former counsel to the Senate Government Operations (now governmental affairs) Committee, which handles legislation dealing with the spread of nuclear weapons, said the German-registry ship and its cargo disappeared in the Mediterranean while en route from Belgium to Italy.

A few weeks later, "it reappeared with a new name, new registry, a new crew but no uranium," Leventhal said. "It is assumed that it was unloaded in Israel."

Leventhal said he made the disclosure to nuclear-power opponents in an effort to show the need for greater safeguards in the handling of nuclear materials. "The important thing is not the country that got it, but that nuclear material could be stolen," he said.

An official spokesman in Washington said the Israel Embassy had no knowledge of the reported incident.

The "Los Angeles Times" said the shipment had originated in West Germany and was carried on a West German ship. The newspaper quoted a U.S. official as saying there is no doubt the uranium was stolen, and that the theft was the largest since the advent of the atomic age.

The "New York Times," quoting a CIA official, said the ship was bound from Antwerp to Genoa after a stop in Rotterdam.

But an ABC News report quoted diplomatic authorities as saying the uranium actually originated in South Africa and was not hijacked at all. In fact, it said, the mineral "was carefully moved from the German ship at night...with the acquiescence of several governments — but not the United States, which learned of it later."

The 200-ton shipment was enough to cover Israel's nuclear fuel requirements for 20 years, Leventhal said. "It is assumed that Israel has the materials to make nuclear weapons. That is so surprising," he said.

Now, however, industrial countries including Israel, the U.S., Britain and France are engaged in advanced research "which will in a very short time make natural and low-enriched uranium highly sensitive fuels," he said.

The research is aimed at converting low-grade uranium — not at present considered sensitive — directly into weapons-grade fuel, he said. At present, it has to be burned in a reactor or undergo a complicated process known as enrichment, in which its fissionable U-235 isotope content is increased, before it becomes dangerous.

"Rumours persist that these technologies may in fact already have arrived but are simply not yet disclosed."

"If it is true that these materials will become potentially weapons-grade materials, it is crucial that the international community focus on this problem today so that it does not have to do some last catch-up work maybe just two or three years from now," he said.

Asked whether he is absolutely certain that the 1968 uranium shipment was re-directed to Israel, Leventhal said: "No, I only related what I heard from several different sources, all of them authoritative. My primary information came from a non-U.S. source, but in each of the versions I heard Israel was the country that got it."

Leventhal said his understanding is that the uranium was raw ore that had been milled into natural uranium concentrate — so called "yellow cake" — in Belgium. This type of uranium can be used in this state in the 26-megawatt Dimona research reactor which Israel bought from France in the late 1950s.

Although Israel is not known to have tested a nuclear weapon, many arms control analysts nevertheless consider it a *de facto* nuclear power, capable of assembling and delivering atomic weapons in a matter of days or hours.

The source of uranium fuel from which Israel makes its plutonium has remained a mystery.

Unofficially, Jerusalem authorities say they obtain fuel for the Dimona reactor by extracting uranium as a byproduct of phosphate plants along the Dead Sea.

Man sought for bus stop shoot-up

TEL AVIV. — A young man and his 18-year-old companion yesterday shot and wounded five high school pupils waiting at a bus stop at Even Yehuda, north of here, police said.

Two girls, aged 14 and 16, are in hospital. The other children were sent home after first aid.

Police said they had a 16-year-old boy in custody and were looking for his companion, whom they described as an army deserter. They said they did not know the reason for the attack.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The French Minister of Culture and the Environment, Michel d'Ornano, yesterday called on Acting Premier Shimon Peres in Jerusalem. He also visited the Hebrew University's Museum of France and was guest of honor at a luncheon given by Professor Joshua Frawer.

To mark the birthday of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, Maurice Gerzon, of Haifa, co-founder of Frutarom Electrochemicals, was appointed Knight of the Order of Orange. The honour was presented by the Netherlands Ambassador, Christian Arriens.

Professor Moshe Davis, head of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University, has been awarded the American Jewish Historical Society's Lee Max Friedman Award.

Werner Braun, photographer, will give a talk, illustrated by slides, on his recent visit to the Soviet Union, at this evening's meeting of Jerusalem Rotary West, King David Hotel, 8 o'clock.

A bazaar in aid of the Haifa branch of Mibcha, the society for deaf children, will be held at the city auditorium, Mt. Carmel, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. tomorrow.

A fashion show in aid of scholarships for children from deprived areas is being held by the Moriah Lodge of B'nai B'rith at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel today at 4.30. Tickets are IL60 each.

DEPARTURES

Pina Herzog, chairman of the health committee of the International Council of Women, for Geneva, to represent the council at a World Health Organization meeting.

Settlers move in at Mas'ha

Fifteen members of Gush Emunim yesterday moved into the newly-planned settlement of Mas'ha, some 10 kilometres across the former border with Jordan, on the western rim of the Nablus district. The families of the men who arrived at the strategic hilltop yesterday are expected to follow next week.

The settlement, approved by the Cabinet recently, is the first to be established in the West Bank in more than a year, and the first in Western Samaria. On the site is an abandoned Jordan police post which will provide accommodation for the first settlers. A Nabati group lives in tents nearby.

U.S. stymied by Hussein's rift with Sadat

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Following the visit here last week by Jordanian King Hussein, President Carter and top U.S. officials are said to be more confused. American sources, in making this known yesterday, said that Hussein and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who was in Washington early last month, do not appear to have reached agreement between themselves regarding the important question of Palestinian representation at Geneva and other critical aspects of the problem.

The Americans maintain that the Arab states must first reach some sort of consensus on the Palestinian question before the U.S. can move to reconvene the Geneva conference. They therefore seem much less certain about the next course of action — and it is this uncertainty that is said here to have led to Carter's relatively pessimistic remarks last week. Carter said that it would be better not to convene the Geneva conference at all, unless there were good chances for success.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance briefed Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz for some 40 minutes on Friday on the Hussein talks here.

According to informed sources here, Hussein demonstrated considerably more readiness to resume the negotiating responsibility over the West Bank during his private talks with Carter than he did in his public statements last week. The sources said that Hussein is very determined to ensure his country's security by making certain that "friendly" forces will control the West Bank.

Meanwhile, ABC News cancelled Hussein's appearance on the network's telecast "Issues and Answers" yesterday because network executives felt that he had already said as much as he was going to say.

Russian bid for bases in Syria said rejected

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The Soviet Union asked Syria to provide it with military facilities but the request was refused, "The Washington Post" reports.

Quoting a source present at Syrian President Assad's talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow last week, the newspaper said in a dispatch from Damascus that while the Russians did not use the word "bases" in their request, the intent was obvious. "They wanted to establish military bases on our soil," he said.

The source also said that the Soviets had wanted Assad to come to Moscow after he meets with President Carter in Geneva on May 9, feeling that Assad might be easier to deal with if he failed to achieve any gains in the Carter talks. But Assad wanted to go to Moscow first.

The report went on to note that, despite the Syrian refusal, the Assad visit to Moscow was seen by observers in Damascus as "basically successful" in easing the strain between the two countries over Syria's military role in Lebanon.

TV for Jordan Valley

Communications Minister Aharon Uzan said the Cabinet yesterday that work would start at once to enable Jordan Valley villages to pick up Israeli TV broadcasts.

Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili complained to the Cabinet that at present the settlements there cannot receive Israeli telecasts.



These young families are on their way to occupy two new flats in Kfar Shalem, Tel Aviv, on Saturday. They were part of a group of 50 families from Tel Aviv slums who squatted in the new apartments to demonstrate their housing plight. They spent the night there, threatening not to leave until the authorities had found them proper housing. But yesterday morning they were visited by Samuel Flatto Shanon, who persuaded them to leave after promising that he would look into their problems personally. (Flatto, who is running for the Knesset, has been generous during his election campaign.) (Israel Sun)

**Five rightists arrested in counter-demonstration
Thousands march in May Day rallies**

Jerusalem Post Staff
Several thousand persons participated in May Day parades and demonstrations yesterday, as thousands of others took advantage of the work holiday for picnics with their families and colleagues. For a large part of the population, however, international workers day passed unnoticed: schools and shops were open as usual, as were most government offices.

The central rally was held in Tel Aviv, where some 3,000 Jews and Arabs — mostly supporters of Rakhah (New Communists) and the Black Panthers — marched down Rehov Ibn Gabirol carrying signs that had little or nothing to do with workers' solidarity. Among them were, "The occupation is a disaster," "To Geneva," "An end to expropriation of Arab land," and "Free contrabandees from all."

A counter-demonstration by 15 right-wing youths, mainly supporters of Meir Kahane, crashed into the march at several points with such slogans as "Rakhah to jail — death to terrorists" and "Arabs to Arab countries." Five of them were arrested.

After the main rally converged on Kikar Malchei Yisrael, the remainder of the protesters took up positions across the street with their placards. They had been warned by the large police presence that the Rakhah demonstration was being held with official permission.

In another large rally, 3,000 Arabs from all over Galilee waved placards and red flags outside the Greek Orthodox church in Nazareth. Some of their banners vowed they would "liberate Galilee, with our blood and our spirits."

But observers said the Nazareth crowd was smaller and the speeches more moderate than last year.

Nazareth has a Rakhah city administration. Among yesterday's demonstrators were several carrying signs advertising the Black Panthers (one section of which is running with Rakhah for the Ninth Knesset).

In Haifa, about 1,000 members of Mapam — mainly Arabs — held a quiet rally in the Shavit hall. The theme of the speeches was coexistence among Jews and Arabs in a Zionist state. Meanwhile, in the municipal auditorium, the labour establishment held its own celebrations, attended by the chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, the mayor and the head of the local labour council.

On Saturday several thousand youngsters in blue shirts — representing the kibbutz movements, pioneering youth movements and Histadrut-affiliated movements — danced for an hour in the city park near the new city library. Their placards read "Enough whining in this country," and their speakers urged Israelis to "dispel the gloom that threatens our very existence."

Later they marched on Histadrut headquarters, where the secretary-general of the labour federation told them the red flags of Israeli workers symbolize freedom. "We do not identify with countries where the red flag waves over tyranny," he said.

(The "stop whining" campaign was the brainchild of painter Avital Geva of Kibbutz Ein Shemer. Several years ago he shocked the art community in Jerusalem by exhibiting a series of cows' tongues.)

In a separate demonstration on Saturday, members and supporters of Shelli marched through North Tel Aviv and ended up at the same city park. Their speakers took issue with the "stop whining" campaign of the demonstrators who had preceded them, noting that it was easy to stop whining in the luxurious homes of the city but difficult to do so in the slums. One speaker said the slogan "Enough whining in this country" had been retrieved from "the rusty warehouses of the Right."

The military government turned down numerous requests to hold May Day rallies in the West Bank. Security forces used tear gas to disperse one illegal demonstration of schoolgirls in Jenin, and another dispersed quietly in Nablus.

Crowds seek miracles at Rabbi Meir's tomb

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TIBERIAS. — The reputed miracle-working powers of Rabbi Meir Ha'Albanesi attracted thousands of pilgrims from the whole country to the traditional annual celebration here yesterday.

It began with a religious service in Rabbi Meir's memory at the Ets Haim Synagogue and continued with the traditional procession to his picturesque tomb, south of town, near the hot springs.

A police band took part, youth movements and pupils of the religious schools marched in step, followed by the devout, carrying scrolls of the law, singing and praying.

Among the marchers was Shimon leader Ariel Sharon, who was overwhelmed with blessings that appeared sufficient to win him a Knesset majority.

El Al flights

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notify all the works committees, and especially the committee of the maintenance workers, that any disruption of work will be considered as a breach of the company's activities. The minister's decision to support this stand was taken after consultation with the Acting Prime Minister, the Finance Minister, the Attorney-General and the El Al management.

Ya'acobi said that the national airline cannot operate haphazardly, while one or the other group of workers each time paralyzes the company's flights. The company's operations, he said, must be based upon conditions of stability and continuity, and emphasized that the maintenance workers may undermine their own means of existence.

The issue which touched off the strike — called by the workers "absence from work" — was the demand by the crews to increase the number of shifts per day from three to four (an additional shift). They based their demand on the recommendation of a doctor who had read about the research by a West German engineer, in which the engineer claimed that working three shifts a day was injurious to the crew's health, and that the work-day (the shift) should be shortened.

At the negotiations, Ya'acobi pointed out that the present three shifts a day had existed for 16 years and introducing another shift would mean adding between 100 to 130 extra persons to the 350-men now employed, as well as reducing the work week from five to four days and the hours worked from 39 to 33.

Management proposed the possibility of making the beginning and ending time of each shift more flexible. With regard to the West German article, management proposed that an independent medical committee, chosen jointly by labour and management, should look into the claim that the present shift system was injurious to the workers' health. The workers turned down this proposal.

El Al chartered seven planes over the weekend to carry passengers abroad. This included two jumbos, one from KLM which took passengers to Amsterdam, the other from Condor (a Lufthansa affiliate) which took passengers to Frankfurt.

Cabinet delays decision on stricter controls

By ASHER WALLFISHER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday chided the media for creating "a one-sided picture" of the organizational and other shortcomings in the Israel Defence Forces following the release of the State Comptroller's annual report. (See Peres — p.2)

Peres spoke at yesterday's weekly Cabinet session, at which Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner called for a more effective control of the governmental machinery and for a more intensive follow-up check in the wake of the Comptroller's repeated strictures in one report after another.

Hausner said that more effective inspection procedures were required in the IDF, among others. Not that the State Comptroller had criticized the IDF more harshly this time than before, Hausner said, but it was rather that a larger section in the report about the IDF had been made public this time.

At Peres' request, the Cabinet deferred a decision on stricter control procedures, as proposed by Hausner, for another two or three weeks to enable him to confer with the Ministers of Finance and Justice privately.

Hausner recalled that in August 1974, after the previous Comptroller's report, the Cabinet had accepted a number of his proposals for closer scrutiny of the governmental machinery, and for more intensive follow-ups of the Comptroller's findings. Not all of these decisions had been implemented, Hausner noted.

Hausner listed findings which had appeared in the reports year after year without the faults being corrected. The Treasury was badly at fault for having presented a budget when its officials knew it was out of date; the Housing Ministry should not have held on to such a large reserve of empty flats, Hausner said. He criticized other spheres relating to delay of allocations to local authorities, computer operations in times of emergency, slowdowns in the implementation of the income tax reform, and failure to progress with energy conservation.

Gur said that on the average 70 per cent of the inspections ended a "good" to "very good," 20 per cent produced a "medium" and only 10 per cent produced a "below medium" rating.

Gur said: "I have no ear against the factual findings State Comptroller. But in some of the planning distorted the picture. The over-generalization created an imbalance."

Gur gave the Cabinet a summary of his General's report, most of which was new, having been aired in the since the report appeared, without attribution. He stressed close cooperation between the Comptroller's staff, latter's understanding and with regard to the IDF's progress. The two brigades inspected Comptroller were both in progress of reorganization at the time, were in a state of "satisfactory readiness and did not substantially lack their main weapon."

Lands Authority gets new director

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Michael Talmon was yesterday appointed director-general of the Israel Lands Authority. He replaces Meir Zorea who resigned several months ago to run for the Knesset on the DMC list. Talmon served till now as head of the Authority's urban division.

Nixon felt Jews leaking his secret

NEW YORK (JTA). — Hitherto published transcripts of Watergate showed that former President Richard Nixon was worried about Jews on the White House staff leaking information to the press. According to "The New York Times," Nixon confided to his press secretary Ron Ziegler that he was "surrounded by Jews."

The "News" reported yesterday that Nixon, talking about the Watergate scandal, had said to his close counsel, John Dean, Ziegler:

"...and I talked about Jews... we're not going to... there's a Jewish seat on the Supreme Court... I said I've got them around me."

"We got Kissinger and I've (Harold) Stein... and I said I pointed out our Jewish friends even in our White House staff... to Jews. But Dean says, 'he never be a leak out of me. I just know how to leak.'"

The transcripts also show that on was aware of the danger for Nixon from the Watergate burglary three days after that breakthrough Democratic Party Headquarters more than a year before he resigned from the presidency in August.

Government psychologists plan sanctions

TEL AVIV. — Psychologists in government employ will resume sanctions on Thursday if the authorities fail to implement terms of the agreement signed last February on re-grading in public service.

Mordechai Gani, secretary of the union of graduates in humanities, said on Friday that the rest of the 20,000 academically-trained government employees in the union may impose sanctions next week after the union's secretariat discusses the matter. According to Gani, the civil service commissioner promised in February to make the necessary arrangements for re-grading within three weeks after the agreement was signed.

Meanwhile, psychologists employed by the Union of Local Authorities and the three big cities initiated a separate agreement last Thursday. A beginning psychologist will be in grades three to five, while the head of psychological services in the three main cities will be in grade 10, the highest in public service.

Peres hits strike by defence researchers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday advised the research staff in his ministry to appeal to the institution for agreed arbitration if they want to revise the current labour contract.

Briefing the Cabinet on the strike, called late Thursday night by the research staff, which he described as "a most serious development," Peres said the employees in question are "not underprivileged. Their salaries are fairly high and long in terms and purposes one of the components constitutes an increment for university education."

Arbitration board decides first case

The tribunal for agreed arbitration in the public services submitted its first decision yesterday since it began operations two months ago.

The tribunal, headed by former Supreme Court Justice Zvi Berenson, set in arbitration of the claims of Kibbutz Holon and Hadassah Hospital X-ray technicians. The technicians had submitted a series of demands for wage and grade advancements.

The tribunal agreed to one demand — to create another grade for veteran technicians — but decided that the other demands should be discussed after the present wage agreement lapses in March 1978.

10 YEARS UNITED JERUSALEM
Craftsmen's Fair, Jewish Quarter

One of the events celebrating the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and the liberation of the Jewish Quarter is a Craftsman's Fair in Kikar Batel Mishne in the Jewish Quarter.

The Fair is open to the public from Sunday, May 1 until Thursday, May 5, every evening, 5-10 p.m. Performances by entertainers and orchestras will be given during the Fair. On show at the Fair: works by Jewish Quarter artists in fine metals, ceramics, painting, sculpture, graphics, photography, batik, weaving and embroidery. Jewellery work for religious articles will also be shown.

Public transport: No. 1 bus from the Central Bus Station. Car parks for those coming by private car: Mt. Zion, Jaffa Gate and at the Dung Gate.

The public is invited. Entrance free.

Ministry of Tourism. Company for the Rehabilitation and Development of the Jewish Quarter.

See how they run
By Aryeh Rubinstein

THE ALIGNMENT emphasized over the week-end how much its foreign policy differs from the Likud's, while the Likud tried to show that a large measure of agreement exists between the two. And the Democratic Movement for Change said, in effect, that it could live with either one of them.

Likud leader and Jewish Agency Treasurer Aryeh Dulsin said on Friday that if the Likud came out on top it would try to form a national unity Government. Only such a Government could grapple with all our internal and external problems and restore the people's confidence.

Even today, a national consensus could be reached, Dulsin told the Commercial and Industrial Club in Tel Aviv. The Likud executive had granted the Liberal Party the right to declare that it was prepared to make territorial concessions to Egypt and Syria. As for Judea and Samaria, the decision would be taken by a referendum or new elections. Dulsin thought this was a sound basis for a national unity Government.

But then he added: any concession in Judea or Samaria means the establishment of a Palestinian state, and that would constitute a threat to the very existence of Israel and Jordan alike.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon may have had Dulsin in mind when he addressed an election meeting in Petah Tikva yesterday. The struggle between the Alignment and the Likud was one over peace principles, and an abyss divided the two camps, he said.

He saw no way of bridging the gulf between what he called "the two camps of Judea and Samaria shall be given up" and a readiness to make peace on the basis of secure borders. Despite Israel's historic rights, the Alignment favoured a territorial compromise, and the map it would draw would "not be chained to dogmas."

A DMC communique on the meeting of its national council on Saturday night says its purpose was to decide on "the conditions for forming or participating in a Government." Seven points follow, the last of which reads: "The Government's foreign affairs and security policy shall not be at odds with the principles of the DMC's platform."

The title of this formulation was to show that the DMC does not rule out a coalition with the Likud. There are elements in the DMC that wanted to dispel the impression among large sections of the public that a coalition with the Alignment is the DMC's only option.

The formula adopted may mean that the next move is up to the

The Weizmann Institute of Science
deeply mourns the passing of
HARRY LEVINE

a Founding Governor, a Charter Member of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, an Institute Honorary Fellow and an untiring supporter of scientific research and particularly of applied research on its campus.

The Institute extends its profound condolences to Lee Levine and the family.

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U.S. pays up
to UNESCO

PARIS (JTA). — The U.S. delegation to UNESCO announced yesterday that it will pay its outstanding debt of \$42m. due to the UN Economic, Social and Cultural Organization.

The U.S. decided to stop paying its dues in October 1974 when the UNESCO general conference adopted a number of anti-Israel resolutions, condemned Israel for its archaeological diggings in Jerusalem and its educational system in the administered territories, and barred Israel from all its regional groups.

At its recent Nairobi conference, UNESCO managed to find a compromise solution enabling Israel to attend the European regional meetings of the organization.

Practically all attending delegations, including the Eastern bloc and the non-aligned countries, privately expressed relief at America's decision to become a full paying member. Israeli diplomats were also satisfied, as the U.S. delegation is Israel's main backer at UNESCO meetings and a loss of America's voting rights would have indirectly prejudiced Israeli interests.

Cars cause
most TA air
pollution

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Low-lying sources, mainly motor traffic, account for most of the air pollution in the Tel Aviv area. Professor Alexander Donagi of the Health Ministry told a symposium here last week.

According to the Electric Corporation's spokesman, Prof. Donagi quoted monitoring data which show that pollution is worst between 6 and 9 in the morning and again between 5 and 8 in the afternoon — both peak traffic periods.

Motor-cars he noted, spew into the air a large amount of carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, nitric oxide, sulphur and lead particles, and soot.

On the other hand, the pollutants from the Electric Corporation's Reading power station (which at the time of its latest expansion caused anxiety to ecologists) are released at considerable height and their share in ground pollution is small, Prof. Donagi reportedly said.

The head of the Electric Corporation's ecology department told the symposium that 14 air-monitoring stations are in operation in the Tel Aviv area — nine run by the corporation and five by the Health Ministry. (The standard throughout the world is five stations for a city like greater Tel Aviv with a population of one million, he added).

He said there was no demonstrable link between fuel consumption at Tel Aviv's Reading station and increases in pollution in the city. Pollution is lowest on Saturdays, when traffic is sparse while fuel consumption at the power station remains unchanged, he said.

U.S. military journal says:

Israel has strategic
Red Sea capability

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel has committed a surprisingly small number of actual forces to maintaining and expanding its presence in the Red Sea, "Defense and Foreign Affairs" reports in its current edition.

The respected military affairs journal says that Israel retains a half-dozen 65 ft. Dabur gun-equipped patrol boats, plus at least two Gabriel sea to sea missile-equipped Reshifs in the northern reaches of the Gulf of Akaba at their base in Eilat.

"More — but not that many more — hold the entrance to the gulf from the captured port of Sharm el-Sheikh," the report said.

But the magazine went on to note that the Israeli naval elements in the Gulf of Akaba reflect only part of the strategic capability which Israel has in the Red Sea area. "Israeli F-4E Phantoms and C-2 Kfirs can range easily, and virtually unchallenged,

down the slender waterway and can provide air cover to strategic shipping coming through the Bab el-Mandeb," it said.

Meanwhile, the magazine also says that Israel Aircraft Industries is developing a new engine-manufacturing subsidiary — "doubtless destined to be a major factor in planning for the 1980s."

It said that this development was significant in light of Washington's veto over the export of Kfirs to Ecuador because of the U.S.-made General Electric J-79 engine used in the Israeli plane. "Alternative powerplants have obviously been eyed for the aircraft," it continued, "although no engineering studies have been made."

"Defense and Foreign Affairs" also reports that the price of the Kfir is around \$5.2m. to \$5.8m. per flyaway copy, "cheap in today's fighter market."



A MODEL of the new Dvora patrol craft developed at the Ramat HaNadiv plant of Israel Aircraft Industries was unveiled Saturday night. IAI says the 71-foot boat powered by two MTU marine diesel engines is faster, more accurate and has almost twice the firing power of similar-class boats. The Dvora can carry two Gabriel sea-to-sea missiles, two 20mm. cannon or

two .50-inch machineguns. It has an operational range of 700 nautical miles and a top speed of 36 knots. A spokesman said contacts were now being made with potential overseas buyers, although IAI had not yet begun assembly-line production. He also said the Dvora would be displayed at the Paris air salon next month.

Haifa Port hard at work on May Day
in effort to overcome strike backlog

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — For the first time in memory Haifa Port did not close down for May Day this year. In an effort to overcome the delays in container handling caused by the 23-day marine officers' strike, which ended on Thursday night, the port's container terminal worked two full shifts yesterday. Container handling had been hardest hit by the strike, which paralyzed the terminal for almost the whole period of the shutdown.

Port manager Moshe Haral told 'The Jerusalem Post' that the backlog will be cleared by the end of the week.

In an analysis of the strike, both sides — the shipping companies and the officers' union — stated that it had not solved the main problems, despite the multi-million-dollar damage it had wrought. But Zim general manager Yehuda Rotem said the strike had at least achieved two things: It had pointed out the abyss facing the merchant marine if labour relations cannot be righted; and it had proved that the shipping companies, at least, will no longer give in to extortion tactics by pressure groups.

"The strike showed that there is a limit to the power of even the strongest pressure groups," he said. If employers stand up to them, the officers had achieved nothing, he added. He hoped that the "trauma" of the strike would make it possible to settle matters by negotiation in future.

Union secretaries Adam Chidk and Yeshayahu Groman said the strike had been "inevitable" as ship-board relations and relations between the union and the companies had become intolerable. They hoped that the "shock" of the strike would galvanize all concerned into the realization that a new leaf must be turned. Groman noted that the Transport Ministry in particular must correct "its failure to give serious consideration to the merchant marine." If the strike motivated all concerned to "clean up the mess in the fleet," they felt, its high price would prove in the long run to have been worthwhile.

They noted that the pressures leading to the strike had been building

Five charged over missing
£38m. from London IBB

LONDON (JTA). — Four directors and the auditor of the collapsed Israel-British Bank (London) were charged here on Friday with conspiracy to defraud in connection with £38m. missing from the bank.

They include Harry Landy, IBB's former chairman, and Arthur Malcolm White and Charles Kaye, two of his co-directors — all of whom also face two further charges of uttering forged documents.

All five were released on bail until May 26. Bail for Landy, a former chairman of British Miracchi, was £50,000, plus two sureties of the same amount.

Landy's brother-in-law, Yehoshua Bension, was named in the two forged charges. Bension is currently serving a 12-year prison sentence in Israel for fraud and embezzlement arising out of the collapse of the bank's Israel parent company, of which he was managing director.

The other two men charged on Friday are Joseph Bloomberg and Peter Lynn.

The men were arrested by the metropolitan fraud squad on Thursday after a lengthy investigation into

the 1974 collapse of the London bank. Friday's court appearance was only a preliminary hearing and no plea was entered by the accused. It is now for the court to decide whether there is a case to answer, and the deliberations are expected to take several months.

The Israel parent bank founded in July 1974 and the London branch of IBB a few weeks later. Together they had run up a deficit of more than £80m.

Among the loans by the London bank were more than £31m. pounds sterling to five connected companies. Landy has stressed that he personally had nothing to do with these transfers.

Two of these companies featured in the trial of Bension, who was arrested shortly after the collapse of the Israeli parent bank and subsequently convicted on 10 counts of fraud and embezzlement involving \$47m.

The group of companies of which Israel-British was a part was built up by the late Walter Williams, father-in-law of both Landy and Bension.

West German officials say:

No case against Himmler aide

VIENNA (JTA). — The West German authorities have decided to drop legal proceedings against Horst Bender, who was Nazi SS chief Heinrich Himmler's legal advisor.

Bender, a lawyer, now lives in Stuttgart, West Germany.

German justice officials began investigating his activities during the Nazi period in April 1974 after receiving records from Simon Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Centre in Vienna. On Friday the German Government informed Wiesenthal the case would not be pursued further because of insufficient evidence. Wiesenthal had submitted evidence that Bender advised Himmler that killing Jews was not a crime, if done for "purely political reasons."

In another event related to Nazi activities, Church officials in Buenos Aires on Friday closed the main Argentine cathedral in the city "for repairs." The closure came amid reports that neo-Nazi groups in Argentina had planned to hold a prayer session in the cathedral on Saturday night to mark the 32nd anniversary of Hitler's death.

Last week, leaflets announcing the

gathering were thrown in wealthy residential areas of Buenos Aires. Some of the flyers also were sent to foreign news agencies.

One of the leaflets was entitled "Integral Aryan Nationalist Fatherland" and showed a cross with a Nazi swastika hanging from it. It also said: "We invite you to pray with us at the Metropolitan Cathedral on April 30, 1977, at the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. masses for the eternal rest of our brother in Christ and hood 'Adolf Hitler' who in his life was Chancellor of the German nation."

Security sources say there are several neo-Nazi groups in Argentina, including a terrorist one which last August claimed responsibility for bombing and strafing synagogues and Jewish-owned shops in Buenos Aires and Cordoba, Argentina's second-largest city, 450 miles to the north.

That group is called the Argentine National Socialist Front. It said it wants to eliminate the "Jewish Plutocracy" in Argentina.

Worker delegates
in Gov't corporations

The Knesset Finance Committee last week approved (subject to review this week) the regulations concerning selection of a workers' delegate as a director in Government corporations, and the types of corporations in which such a delegate shall serve. The regulations are designed to ensure worker participation in those corporations.

The regulations provide for a secret ballot, with all workers over 18 years of age and with one year of tenure eligible to vote, in all non-bank Government corporations employing at least 100 persons. In each such corporation, the relevant minister selects two of the six candidates scoring the highest number of votes to serve as directors. (Jtm)

SKI — The International Ski Federation, at its congress in Argentina on Friday, agreed to admit Israel as its 46th member.

He's not disturbed by
critical report of IDF

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

AVIV. — Defence Minister and Prime Minister Shimon Peres said the State Comptroller's critical report of the army's military trouble him.

He told the Alignment's candidates on Friday that he doesn't stress their option to war "because they believe military might is of a very order." He noted that Joseph Hussein had expressed war in the U.S. recently. (A conception was prevalent in the Yom Kippur War, said Comptroller, Dr. Yitzhak Sahl, was a member of the committee which strongly criticized that conception, as well as aspects of the army's unpreparedness.)

He rejected the Comptroller's claim of the emergency stores of the infantry brigade. The Comptroller reported that "due to difficult conditions in the area and type of storage (in the open air), armed and other combat vehicles damaged. The vehicles' wheels not covered as required," an infantry commander's headquarters' report to the situation.

Defence Minister said the army's size increased by nearly 50 per cent in the past three years. Hundreds of new and sophisticated weapons had been received. "I'm not sure for a minute that sometimes equipment arrived before the need," he said.

He did not specifically refer to the Comptroller's report of a "significant shortage" of equipment. He said some stores nor the faulty treatment of equipment. But he said that thousands of soldiers and commanders in the reserves visit the emergency stores weekly. None of them is willing to be cited for a minute. If something is wrong, he said, "Suddenly we all glean information from the army from the Comptroller's report. To my

mind, the reserve's testimony is the decisive and the testimony." Peres continued: "I don't remember a period where so many reserves and regular service men expressed their appreciation upon seeing the equipment, the structures and the organization of the army's emergency system."

Reservists said, however, that they don't see their emergency equipment because they get special training equipment when called up. But a soldier in a unit that the Comptroller criticized told 'The Jerusalem Post' that during a recent exercise they had received an order — given by mistake — to open the emergency stores. Half a battalion was equipped within 20 minutes, he said. (The soldier cannot be identified. Reservists have received suspended jail sentences for reporting their experiences to the news media, even when their report passed censorship.)

Likud leader Simha Ehrlich, speaking at the Bar Association on Friday lashed out at Peres, who is the Alignment's candidate for Prime Minister.

Ehrlich said Peres cannot resign because he is a member of a caretaker government, but "how does he dare present himself as Prime Minister after the shortcomings? He must withdraw his candidacy."

Ehrlich and Peres differed on the need for unemployment to curb inflation.

The Likud leader said Israel's economy cannot be improved without a one to one-and-a-half per cent unemployment in the coming year. Unemployment would spur people to work harder, would reduce consumption and would force people to move into the production sector, thereby increasing exports, he said.

Peres claimed that unemployment would hit soldiers, who are discharged after three years in the army, and would also harm immigration because the first to be dismissed would be the immigrants.



Former prime minister Golda Meir views a full-page portrait of herself in a new book on display at the Eighth Jerusalem International Book Fair, at Kinyanei Ha'oma yesterday. (Samphat)

Roaring trade at Book Fair

By AARON SITINES
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tens of thousands of persons jammed the Jerusalem book fair on Saturday night and yesterday, and fair director Rafael Aldor told 'The Jerusalem Post' "I wouldn't be surprised if we hit the 100,000-visitors mark by the time the fair closes at six on Monday evening." (The last fair — in 1975 — drew 90,000 visitors.) The Eighth Jerusalem International Book Fair, which opened with a sparsely crowded last Wednesday, became the Capital's star attraction over the weekend. Approximately 25,000 visitors thronged Kinyanei Ha'oma when the doors opened after the Sabbath, at 7.30 p.m. When the fair opened at 10 a.m. yesterday, 15-metre long queues had formed in front of all the book offices, and the pressure did not ease up all through the day. Barred traffic policemen directed cars away from the site since all parking spaces were occupied.

From a trade point of view, too, the fair is emerging as "quite successful," according to Shlomo

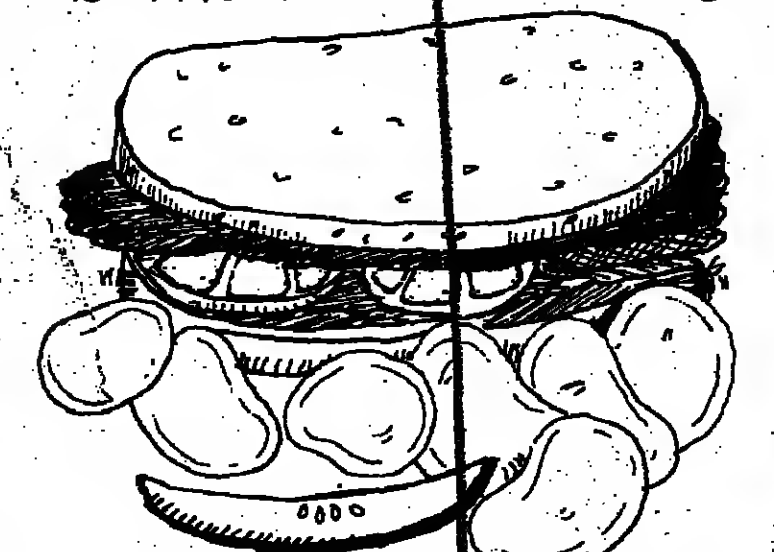
Erel, director of the Export Institute's Book and Printing Centre.

He said Israel publishers will participate in the Nice and San Francisco book fairs later this month, and preparations are also being made for joining the first Moscow International Book Fair in September.

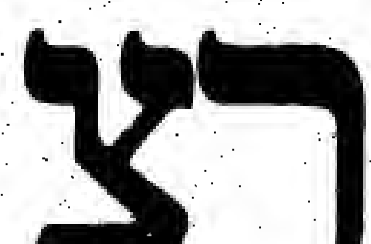
Two visitors to the fair yesterday caused some aisle-crowding as their entourage kept other visitors at a safe distance. One of the two was Prof. Ephraim Katzir, the President, and the other was former Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Ubbers reported the President spent most of his browsing time at displays of scientific works and Judaica. As for Mrs. Meir, she seemed delighted to see so many different versions of her memoirs, in several languages, at pavilions from various foreign publishers.

In the evening there was more excitement when a minor scuffle broke out between exhibitors at a missionary book display and several visitors who objected to the distribution of missionary literature to Jews.

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Carter's second thoughts on a Geneva conference

THE WEEK IN REVIEW / Anan Safadi

NG HUSSEIN's talks in Washington last week seem to have taken the wind out of the sails of the Middle East peace ship which U.S. President Jimmy Carter has been steering towards Geneva. Judging from his own statements, Mr. Carter indicated he was surprised to learn from Hussein that the fundamental differences between the Arabs and Israel remained too deep to be treated as "procedural" matters.

President Carter has always conceded that the various aspects of the Middle East conflict are complex. But it seemed that he himself was taken aback last week by the full measure of the complexity of the components of the conflict, and its three interrelated issues: the scope of peace between the Arabs and Israel; the question of Israel's future borders; and the future of the Palestinians.

In Carter's talks with Hussein, the question of Palestinian representation — which is ostensibly a basic and unanimous Arab precondition to any new peace negotiations — turned out to be a much less monolithic concept among the Arabs themselves than the U.S. President has apparently been led to presume. Hence the cautious, almost crest-fallen tone of Carter's public statements during the Hashemite monarch's visit to Washington. No more the confident — some would say over-confident — prognosis of "this year in Geneva" that had characterized presidential utterances during the earlier talks with outgoing Premier Yitzhak Rabin and President Anwar Sadat.

It would be wrong to assume that Carter was budging from his determination to initiate a major movement towards defusing the Middle East conflict. Yet there seems to be no doubt that the American leader has changed his approach as it emerged after talking to Rabin and Sadat — each of whom sounded keen to get things moving under any circumstances. Rabin and Sadat were anxious to consolidate their positions at home. In contrast, Hussein went to Washington with no domestic points to score.

Carter refrained from voicing more Middle East peace formulas which could stir misinterpretation and confusion, like his statements on an Israeli "defensive" border and a Palestinian homeland. He said he wants new to wind up his consultations with the rest of the area leaders, presumably including Israel's next prime minister. Another decision the American President made was to slow down plans to reconvene the Geneva conference. He said that all now agree that the more agreement reached before Geneva "the less argument there's going to be" specially over the thorny question of the Palestinian representation in future negotiations.

NEVERTHELESS, no sooner did Carter suggest that the reopening of the Geneva conference might best await assurances of its eventual success, than State Department officials hastened to reassure Arab

diplomats in Washington that the U.S. would still make every effort to have the peace talks resume later this year.

The State Department's move was not unexpected. But the effect of the President's warning against a headlong rush into talks that might only yield disappointment and frustration cannot be easily erased. There was reason to believe that the President did not speak casually, in a sudden fit of despondency, but only after sober consideration of the obstacles to a peaceful settlement in this region.

Clearly, Mr. Carter has shifted his ground, somewhat. The earlier insistence on immediate practical results has given way to a more cautious decision to move ahead with all deliberate speed — with the emphasis on the deliberation.

Mr. Carter has still to meet with a number of Middle East leaders, notably Syrian President Hafez Assad, next week, and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fahd as well as Israel's next prime minister later this month.

Carter's general approach remains based on the Brookings Report, one of whose leading panel members was Zolnes Bredemund, the head of the National Security Council. The report suggested that an overall agreement in the Middle East should be reached first, and implementation should then follow in stages. Such an agreement would, of course, have to be based on the terms of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242.

But it must not be obvious to Mr. Carter that the Arab and Israeli interpretations of 242 are rather far apart. So far apart, indeed, that some Arab leaders, mainly Saudi Arabia's Prince Fahd, view that resolution as obsolete.

Thus, without a modicum of mutual understanding on this issue, Geneva would be doomed. The conference would be equally futile without prior settlement of a number of claims including that concerning the Palestinians.

Israel's position on the issue of Palestinian representation is known: they should be incorporated in the Jordanian delegation. Despite some protestations to the contrary, neither Jordan nor Syria really object. It is Egypt which insists on a "Palestine Liberation Organisation" rather than a "Palestinian" delegation either within the framework of Jordan or independently.

The Soviets, who serve as co-chairman, together with the Americans in Geneva, have maintained, that, very simply, as a time bomb to serve their own calculations: sometimes they call for prompt PLO participation, at other times they advocate having the matter of Palestinian representation settled after the resumption of the Geneva talks.

Carter must have realized that positions will have to be clarified before Geneva. Israel would do well to stretch a hand in helping Carter with this, lest the Arabs gear up a threat of renewed hostilities in order to stampede the U.S. into an imposed solution.



A recently "restored" market centre in the Lebanese capital.

Only the guns fall silent in Beirut

By JOSEPH FITCHETT

BEIRUT (Ona). — Although the guns have fallen silent in most of this once lovely country, Lebanon remains locked in civil war. The private militias have shifted the battle into a cold war under the paralyzing weight of three Syrian regular army divisions, thinly disguised as a 30,000-man Arab peacekeeping force. If Syria withdraws, full-scale fighting would erupt overnight.

Diplomats and Lebanese officials share this pessimism. Far from being a catharsis, the civil war which began two years ago last month left bitter hatreds in its wake. Divisions remain between Lebanese Christians and Palestinians, backed by radical Arab states.

"Nothing has been solved," a Lebanese politician explained. The Palestinians are curbed, but not disarmed. Their traditional Moslem allies are discredited, but not replaced by younger men. Lebanon's Maronite Christians are embittered, and want what amounts to a country of their own.

Lebanon's failure to restore its economy in the eight months since

the Syrian army took control has produced disappointment and frustration.

President Elias Sarkis, who in principle commands the Syrian forces which support him, has imposed a semblance of normality. It is a fragile peace at best. Censorship of local press restricts reporting on the frequent sectarian and political murders as well as robberies by unemployed gunmen.

THE OBVIOUS symptom of continuing confrontation is the sporadic warfare in South Lebanon, where Syrian forces cannot restore order because of Israeli objections to Arab troop presence near its border. Tension from the war in the south explodes in Beirut in the form of car-bombs and fear which delay negotiations on a political future for Lebanon.

The tension, combined with 800 per cent inflation and general economic malaise, drives many Lebanese out

of the country as emigrants. Lebanese who sat out the war abroad are coming home, but many leave again quickly, for good this time.

Reconstruction funds have not arrived, despite high initial hopes. Experts estimate the cost of rebuilding Beirut port, once the gateway to the Arab world, at \$100m.

Observers are doubtful that Lebanon can create a system free of the political infighting and corruption which undermined the old Lebanon. More and more Lebanese believe the prospects are bleak, and business in the old financial capital of the Middle East is a sad parody of Beirut's former commercial glory.

Outside the barred Hotel St Georges, once the Eastern Mediterranean's most fashionable meeting place, two men sat playing back-gammon, the favourite Lebanese game. In the deserted ruin of a beach club, they were alone, one a banker, the other the master of ceremonies of Lebanon's jet set. Oblivious to the desolation, they whistled tunelessly. Like men in shock.

Arab cold war moves south

By GWYNNE DYER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

BLACK AFRICA might seem to have quite enough outside powers intervening in its quarrels already: Russians and Cubans in Angola, for example, and France, Belgium, the United States and China all sending aid to neighbouring Zaïre. But what may be decisive in the crisis points of the moment, Zaïre and the Horn of Africa, is the emergence of yet another factor. The Arab cold war is moving south.

The only credible military force now standing between Zaïre's copper, cobalt and the well-armed band of exiles who invaded Shaba province from Angola in early March is a Moroccan expeditionary force. The fate of disintegrating Ethiopia is likely to be settled by its Arab neighbours — and soon: there is already a state of almost-declared war on the Sudan-Ethiopia border. This new military involvement of Arab states in black Africa has grown mainly out of inter-Arab disputes.

All the Arab states of North Africa belong to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), and so it became a battleground as soon as Morocco and its tiny Mauritania ally carved up the ex-Spanish colony of Sahara early last year. Both Algeria and Libya bitterly opposed this action, and proceeded to organize resistance to it within the OAU. The first step, taken last spring, was to declare a Saharan government-in-exile in Algerian soil.

While the Saharan guerrillas of

Pellissier raided into Morocco, Mauritania, and their own former territory from Algerian bases, their sponsors sought African diplomatic recognition for the Saharan government-in-exile. The conflict is partly an ideological one, with conservative Morocco ranged against radical Libya and Algeria, so the latter found natural allies in the Marxist states of Africa. By now, eight radical African states have recognized Sahara.

Late last January one of their number, the West African state of Benin, staged a small amateur theatrical production. Around 100 "mercenaries" landed there one morning, sprayed the scenery with bullets, and then departed again. Marxist Benin immediately announced itself the victim of an imperialist attack, and accused Morocco of having trained and paid the "invaders."

The seven-nation OAU commission sent to Benin to investigate included a majority of radical states — Libya, Mozambique, Guinea and Angola — and they duly reported back that the accusation was true. Thereupon Morocco angrily suspended all dealings with the OAU, and King Hassan warned that there was a Marxist plot to take the organization over and wipe out Africa's non-radical regimes.

Only a week later came the inva-

sion of pro-Western Zaïre from Angola. The invaders are originally from Zaïre, and not all Marxists by any means, but to Hassan it was the pre-emptive fulfilment of his prophecy.

That is the main reason why there are now Moroccan troops crusading against Marxism in Zaïre. (Of course, it also does no harm to curry favour with the West, in case Morocco should later get dragged into war with Algeria over Sahara.)

In the Horn of Africa, the prime motive for Arab involvement is also intra-Arab rivalry, with reckless Libya again in the lead. Colonel Gaddafi has been trying to overthrow the governments of neighbouring Egypt and Sudan for years, on the grounds that they are reactionary and insufficiently pan-Arab.

In this switch the Libyans had the wholehearted support of their Russian arms suppliers, who were trying to establish their influence in newly radical Ethiopia, formerly an American ally.

The cold war between the conservative and the radical Arab states is not simply a mirror of the Western-Soviet rivalry: the Sudanese and their friends would be worried about Libyan activities in Ethiopia even if the Russians weren't there too. The parallel does exist, however: why else would Egypt also have sent a military mission to Zaïre? To a growing extent, Arab money and even Arab troops are becoming proxies for the superpowers in the struggle for Africa.

BETWEEN THE LINES / Hirsch Goodman

'The Jewish Lobby' worries Syrian paper

"THE JEWISH Lobby" report which appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* recently was a subject of a long article published by Syria's "Tishrin" daily. The daily notes that *The Post* report was written by that "Zionist journalist" Welf Blitraz (instead of Blitzer), who was said to have indicated that the Arab information effort in the U.S. was beginning to take hold.

"Tishrin" says that "Blitraz" conceded that the Arabs were "hopelessly inept" at this stage but the "Zionist correspondent" was worried about a few of the initial successes scored by the Arabs. It adds that "Blitraz" was upset by a Mike Wallace's 60-minute show on the condition of Jewish Jewry... and the manner in which Mr. Wallace disparaged the "Zionist lie."

Leaving Blitraz alone, the author of the Syrian article, Mohammed el-Hajjar, turns to some of the friends and non-Zionist journalists the Arabs have at their disposal in Washington, and notes with satisfaction that Senator James Abourezk is totally on their side. Not only has "James Abourezk" tremendous influence in Congress, claims "Tishrin," but he is also in high places where policy is made and decided.

What the article did not mention, however, is that in addition to being a good friend of the Arabs, Abourezk is also an expensive friend. According to a book published on lobbies in Washington recently, the Senator from Dakota draws around \$10,000 for each pre-Arab speech he makes in the house.

THE CAIRO newspaper, "Akhbar Sa'a" last week interviewed the Egyptian Minister of Information, Abdul-Monem el-Sawi.

First question: Do you think that the press in Egypt is fulfilling its national duty?

Answer: It is the duty of the press to fulfill its national duty. After that auspicious start the interviewer went on to discuss a host of subjects with the Minister — all of them related to the Arab-Israel conflict, and none regarding internal problems.

At one stage, the interviewer noted that Israel Radio was easily picked up in many places in Egypt, and wondered whether this was not counter-productive to the home propaganda effort. The Minister said in reply that Arabic broadcasts were just as easily picked up in Israel. Moreover, he said that getting mere Arab television and radio time on Israeli screens was merely a matter of money... and we have borrowed a lot of money from the U.S. and France to use for this purpose.

The Minister said that he was aware of the fact that due to the large congregations of Jews abroad, Israel had an excellent propaganda base from which to work. The Arabs, he revealed, had come round to

thinking that there was "logic in the Zionist system" and that he was considering methods of making it operational for them as well. Immediate steps, he said, were being taken for the establishment of an "Arab culture bank," which would supply information to people all over the world on the Arab contribution to civilization. To prove you're civilized you've got to be accepted by the world public, he emphasized.

AND FOR these of our readers who really care, it might be worth noting that "al-Ba'ath" of Damascus, carried the following report: During the first three months of the year Syria received 5,286 telegrams from Afghanistan; 2,486 from Iran; 4,334 from Pakistan; 780 from Turkey, and 888 from Japan.

IN READERS' Letters in the Egyptian daily "Akhbar el-Yom," last week one Mohammed Nasser suggests that the country change the names of Port Said, Port Fuad and Port Tawfik, on the Suez Canal, to Port Sadat, Port Gamal and Port Arabi.

An editor's comment to the letter said that one has to have respect for history, and thus the names should remain. But this, of course, the editor added, does not mean that new ports should not be built, and named after the two Egyptian Presidents and all Arabs.

And in another letter Mohammed el-Hasif said that there should be no Communist party allowed in Egypt "until such time that Moscow agrees to a Moslem party in the Soviet Union."

And in yet another letter on the same column Adnan abu Alufas says that he wished all cities in Egypt were visited regularly by foreign princes and Arab kings. It seems to be the only time that the municipalities bother about them getting cleaned up, he writes.

Libya ousts 'brothers'

CAIRO (Reuters). — Cairo radio said Saturday that Libya has ordered all Egyptian, Sudanese, Syrian and Palestinian doctors working in military hospitals in the Libyan state to leave the country within 72 hours.

It said Libyan leader Colonel Mu'amar Gaddafi had ordered the expulsion of the doctors last week but extended the deadline until the arrival of Soviet physicians to replace them.

Relations between Egypt and Libya have been severely strained in recent months by mutual accusations of bombings and acts of sabotage.

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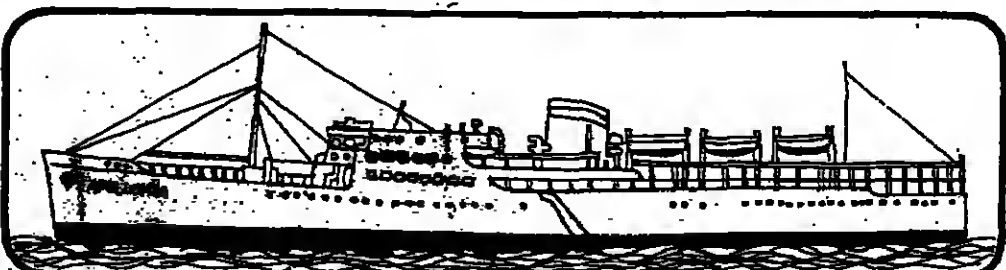
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Gideon Hausner

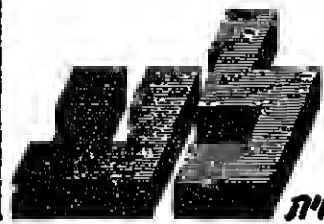
Minister Gideon Hausner heads the list of candidates of the Independent Liberals for the ninth Knesset. A graduate of the Herzliya Gymnasium and of the Hebrew University Faculty of Law. A Rav-Seren in the War of Independence.

From 1960 to 1963 served as Attorney General and headed the prosecution in the Eichmann trial. Chairman, Board of Governors of Yad Vashem.

First elected to the Knesset in 1965 and served as member of the committee for Foreign Affairs and Defence and of the committee for Law and Justice. Initiated the "Hausner Law" to solve the problem of those forbidden to marry by Halacha and as a Minister headed the committee for reorganization of the structure of the government.

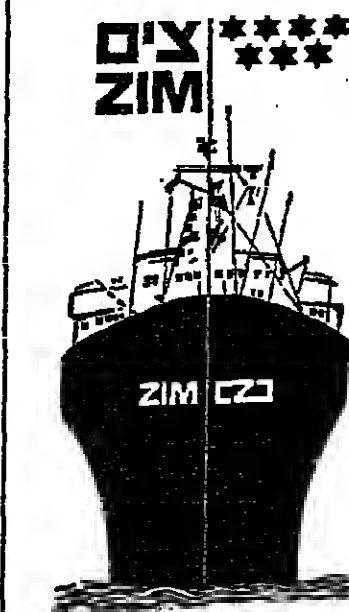


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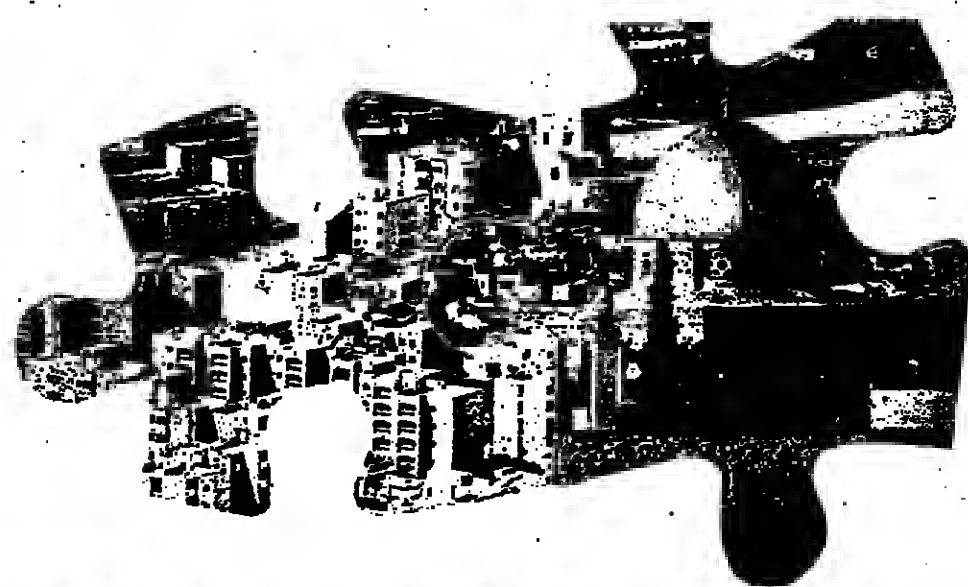
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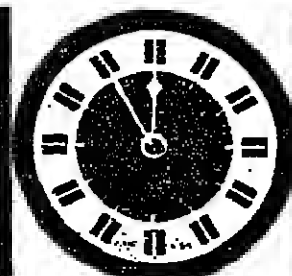
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On this occasion, the performance was well and conscientiously worked out from the technical point of view. What was missing was the spirit and life. The quartet (Kacz Hilsman, Bertha Junger, Gad Levorot and Naomi Enoch) was played

by four individuals, not by a unit, though the music carried itself. But in the Schubert Octet (where the four were joined by Gideon Levine, double bass; Eli Hefetz, clarinet; Sara Taur, bassoon, and Giora Raffaeli, horn) much more is needed to do justice to the godly music. One had the feeling that the players were too busy with the notes to attend to the musical content of the score. And it seems so natural to sing Schubert's music. Every phrase is a song and there seem to be no problems of interpretation or any doubts as to how the phrases should be formed. It is rather sad to watch eight young musicians performing earnestly but with closed hearts. Technical perfection is a fine goal, but music-making needs a soul. The whole musician must come out of his shell and sing, sing the beauty of creation, the joy and sorrow of human endeavour, and the love of life and mankind.

Yohanan Boehm.

Partly remarkable

ALL BEETHOVEN PROGRAMMES. Ury Planka, violin and Yohanan Zak, piano (Tel Aviv, Museum April 24). Sonatas No. 2, Op. 12, No. 4 in A Major; No. 3, Op. 24 in F Major; No. 7, Op. 30 No. 2 in C Minor. HAD THIS CONCERT included only sonatas Op. 24 and 30, it could have been praised as truly remarkable throughout. However, these two sonatas were preceded by Op. 12 which emerged as mediocre and undistinguished. All Planka's usual virtues vanished in this unhappy start. His tone was unpleasant, his technical performance seemed laboured and musically he had very little to say. If there was anything worth listening to, in this first item, it was in Yohanan Zak's piano part. With the opening phrases of Op. 24,

however, it was clear that the violinist had recovered from a temporary lapse. He revealed what we have often missed in many of his pleasant performances, a distinct personal approach. Planka treated the two remaining sonatas with great breadth, exploring the potential of the music in full. His phrasing was powerful and determined and contrasts were not only well executed but also portrayed convincingly. Beethoven's dramatic dualism. His tone regained its fine quality and when necessary, became vigorous, even impassioned.

Yohanan Zak provided near-faultless, fully felt piano parts. Benjamin Bar-Am.

Major music MSS. collection found

LONDON (AP). — A priceless collection of music manuscripts whose existence was confirmed by Polish authorities after being missing since World War II is even bigger than originally thought, the "Sunday Times" reported.

The British newspaper first revealed the existence of the collection on April 3. It contains works by Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Bach, Haydn, Schubert, Schumann, Meyerbeer and many others.

The British newspaper said the collection "contains more musical material than was originally thought, as well as important paintings, and that it has all been in the hands of the Polish army since the end of the war" in 1945.

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Alamy: 4.50 approx. mol., Qui je t'attrape: Ben Yahuda: Seven Beauties: Chan: Mr. Ricco: Cinema One: Fear Is The Key: Cinema Two: The Tenant, 10, 12.30, 2, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30. Debut: La Melleure Paece de Marbure: Gordon: Nina: Drive-In: The Longest Yard, 10; Esther: The Enforcer: Out of Season, 9; Hod: Stretcher Drill: Limer: Bluff: Margalit: A Star Is Born: Madam Emily: Ophir: Fun with Dick and Jane: Only: Carlie: Paris: The Fortune Cookie, 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Peet: Si e' un a'fairo: Ramat Aviv: A Window to the Sky, 7.15, 9.30, Wed, 4.30; Ray: Exposed, 10, 12, 2, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Shafat: Operation Thunderbolt, 4.30, 7, 9.30; Tel Aviv: Mister Billion; Zafan: Le Grand Escogresse; Studio: Studio, 4.30, 7, 9.30; Yehel: L'invitation.

Haifa: 4.45, 9.

Amphitheatre: The Enforcer; Armon: The Human Factor; Atmami: I Will: I Will: For Now: Ozer: Dr. Zhivago, 4.30, 9; Miron: Decameron: 6 nonstop perfs. Moriah: Giant, 7 only: Oran: Nina, 4.45, 9; Oran: A Bird in Hand, 6 nonstop perfs.; Orla: Marcellan Man, 4.45, 9; Peret: The Lost Honour of Katherine Bloom, 4 (in German), 9.45, 11 (in English) Reut: Operation Thunderbolt, 4.45, 9.15; Shavit: Shout At The Devil, 4.45, 9.

Jerusalem: 4, 7, 9.15.

Arson: La: Le de Normandie St. Ozer: Operation Thunderbolt, 4.45, 9.15; Edson: Paise Ya Fyaz: Babbar: Death Day: Jerusalem: Pocket Money, 7, 9.15; Mitchell: Two Minute Warning, 4.45, 9.15; Orla: Stretcher Drill: Oran: Future World, 4.45, 9; Oran: The Enforcer: Ben: Walking Tall: Semadar: All the President's Men, 7, 9.15.

Ramat Gan: Armon: Marathon Man, 7.15, 9.30; Badar: Stretcher Drill, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Lili: Silent Movie, 7.15, 9.30; Oran: Operation Thunderbolt, 4, 7, 9.30; Ozer: Cinema Cinema, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Ramat Gan: I Will: I Will: For Now: 7.15, 9.30; Ramat: Carol Treatment, 7.15, 9.30.

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ON THE AIR

First Programme

7.07 Morning concert — Alhoni: Concerto No. 5 in C Major for Oboe/Pierre Pierlot; Footana: Trumpet Sonata No. 2; Bach: Ricercar for Six Voices from Musical Offering; Respighi: Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No. 3; Mozart: Concerto in C Major for Flute and Harp, K.299; Saint-Saens: Sonata No. 1 in C Minor for Cello and Piano; Weber: Trio for Piano, Flute and Cello, Op. 63; Schumann: Overture, Scherzo and Finale, Op. 32.

10.05 Programme announcements.

10.35 Radio story: "The Dog" by Zippora Perry.

12.05 (Stereo): Bach: Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D Minor, Harpsichord, S.803 (Shimon Rukhman); Works for Harp by Handel, Ben-Haim, Nara, Salzedo (Adina Hamburger); Bach: Trio Sonata in B-flat Major (Tel-Oran, Rina Kuhn, cello, Sara Fuxim-Harari, Harpsichord).

13.00 Light Classical Music.

15.01 Discussing questions of religion and Halacha.

15.30 Lesson in spoken Arabic.

15.35 News on a new book.

16.05 Music from Distant Lands — Indian music.

16.30 The Good and the Better — a selection of new classical records.

16.35 Artists of Yesterday — Ignaz Paderewski.

20.45 (Stereo): The French Radio Philharmonic Orchestra, Pierre-Michel LeConte conducting — Liszt: Concerto No. 3 in E-flat Major for Piano; Bartok: Suite No. 2, Op. 4.

22.05 Literary part.

23.00 Radio drama: "Hit and Run" — the drama of a terminally ill man involved in a fatal automobile accident.

23.35 Programme announcements.

Second Programme

12.30 Israeli songs.

13.05 Songs and songs commentary.

14.05 Election Broadcasts.

14.25 Songs.

15.05 Light Classical Music.

16.10 Jazz hour.

17.55 Road safety.

18.05 Election Broadcasts.

19.25 Music.

21.05 Sports commentary.

21.05 Music and events in the news.

19.45 Bible reading: Psalms 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000.

21.05 Light music for wind ensemble.

21.55 On Jews and Judaism.

22.05 Soundtrack — Selections from films of Marlene Dietrich.

23.00 Night games with Shmuel Shai and Ze'ev Auer.

Arady Radio

7.07 On drivers and traffic.

12.05 Special requests.

13.05 An hour with Hava Alberstein.

14.05 The songs of Brenda Lee.

15.05 "3-4-5" with Enud Graf.

16.05 Military Industries — about the works of the British Mandate.

17.05 Gidigat: Chapter 30 of the book by S.Y. Agnon.

18.07 Programme announcements.

19.05 A look at the Artillery Corps of the training programme.

20.05 Weekly Concert — Mozart: Concerto in C Major for Flute and Harp, K.299 (Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra); Berlioz: Benvenuto Cellini, Op. 32.

21.05 Comedy skits.

22.05 "Tender is the Night" — music.

00.05 Night birds — Songs, chat with Uri Loran.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SELECTIONS

7.07 Fourth, Fifth: 15 minutes, including review of Hebrew press.

14.07 Fourth, Fifth: 30 min.

15.07 Fourth: 5 min.

16.07 Fourth: 15 min.

22.07 Fifth: 25 min.

23.07 Fifth: 30 min.

Freeze: 7.15 Fourth, Fifth: 15 min., including review of Hebrew press.

14.17 Fourth, Fifth: 30 min.

15.17 Fourth: 5 min.

16.17 Fourth: 15 min.

22.17 Fifth: 25 min.

23.17 Fifth: 30 min.

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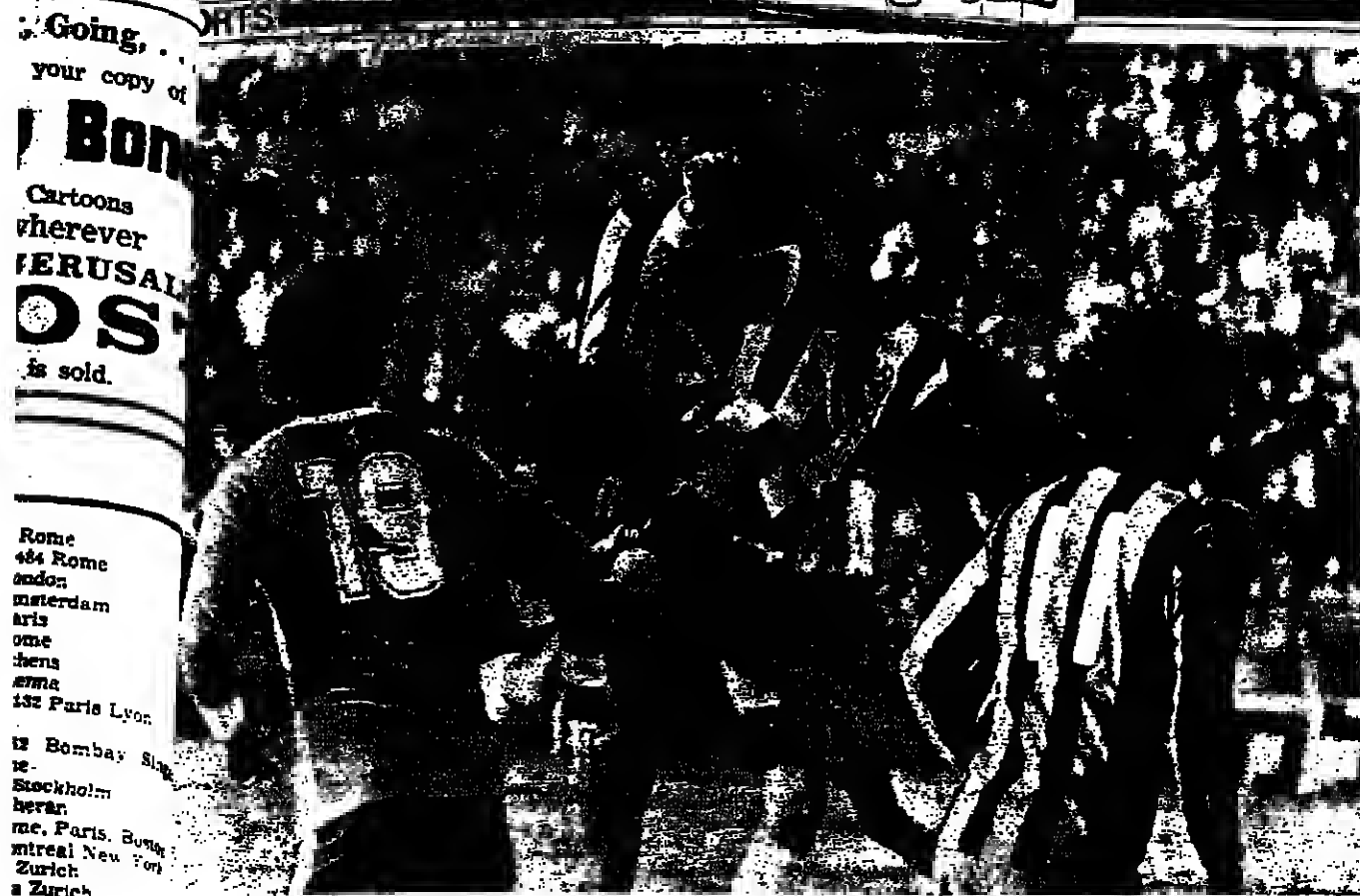
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MORE LIKE 'CAT' than soccer. Jerusalem Hapoel struggled valiantly at Katamon on Saturday to gain both points against Shimshon and avoid relegation but earned only one. Here, defender Ali Ghanem seems to get a lift-up on the

Hadera Hapoel rejoin 1st Division

By PAUL KOEN
Jerusalem Post Soccer Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hadera Hapoel, though a goal down in the first half on Saturday, beat Ashdod Hapoel 2:1 to become champions of the Second Division (Liga Artzit) and gain promotion to the premier soccer league next season.

The other Hadera team, Maccabi, finished bottom of the second division with only one win in 22 games, and that on the first day of the season. They will go down to the third division. With them go Netanya Betar, who were beaten 4:3 by Tel Aviv Hapoel on Saturday.

Had Hadera Hapoel not staged their second half recovery, Bnei Yehuda would have piped them for promotion on goal average after the Jaffa Quarter team finished the season with a blaring away win over Hadera Maccabi.

In the first division not one of the top seven teams of last week managed to win. Leaders Tel Aviv Maccabi altered, to lose 0:1 to Tel Aviv Betar before a packed Bloomfield stadium.

The nearest challengers, Jaffa Maccabi, managed only a 0:0 home draw against Haifa Maccabi, who are very much involved in the relegation struggle. Jaffa Maccabi trail Tel Aviv Maccabi by five points.

Beer Sheva Hapoel did themselves an even better turn by beating Acre Hapoel 2:0 with a goal four minutes before the end by Ovadia Zvi, who was served a pass by Shalom Avitan.

The win saw Beer Sheva go two points clear of Jerusalem Hapoel, and, with a home fixture against bottom-placed Petah Tikva Maccabi next Saturday, their position begins to look somewhat brighter.

Jerusalem Hapoel, playing their first home game at the Katamon ground for four months, failed to beat Tel Aviv Shimshon, though looking by far the better team and creating many more scoring chances. The game ended 0:0, and Jerusalem Hapoel are one from bottom.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Market tries to emulate last week's record gains

TEL AVIV. — The share market moved sharply higher in the opening round yesterday, but some profit-taking was felt in the variables.

The market is trying to match last week's performance, which saw 184 shares advance while only 49 declined. The last week of April was also notable in that total share turnover figures, of approximately IL390m., established a new trading record for any given week.

Despite Bank Hapoalim's absence from the exchange due to the May 1 holiday, volume was fairly active at close to IL32m.

The Natad investment dollar, since setting an all-time high last week at IL2.07, continued to slip. Yesterday it eased by another 7 agorot to stand at IL1.78 after close to half a million dollars were offered for sale. There is little explanation for the behaviour of the investment currency except that perhaps some people feel it may be overpriced and are taking some profits.

Financials continued to draw more investment interest. Bank Leumi finally reached the 300 mark on a half-point advance. Hapoalim was 1 better at 317 and Discount added half a point to 317.5.

Mortgage bank issues were mixed. Secaucun Tefhot gave up 8 to 383. Otzar LeTz'anya was 7 ahead at 245. Other issues in the group were generally slightly better.

Insurance shares were a good feature. Aryeh was the only loser in the group as the shares backed off by 17 to 682. Sahar was 54 ahead at 980, and Tzur was "buyers only" in the opening round and continued to climb in the variables to 610, for an overall gain of 45 for the session.

Israel Cold Storage IL10 shares reached the 700 mark while the IL1 shares continued to be "buyers only" and were marked up to 2,273.

Israel Electric Corp. continued its advance to 725, after a 20-point move. Lighterage was 30 better at 582.

Delek heavier continued to act well as it gained 30 to an even 700.

Land development and real estate issues were among the market leaders as sharp gains were noticeable throughout the list.

The General Index of Share Prices was up 0.32 per cent to 132.32 points.

Most active issues

Hapoalim	317+1.0	IL1,091,700
Bank Leumi	300+0.0	IL670,100
I.D.B. (part "A")	158.5+0.3	IL650,400
Shares traded:		IL32.5m.
Bonds:		IL1.78-7ag.
Natad:		479,000
Offer:		312,000
Turnover:		

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Central Command v. Navy in IDF Cup

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In the semi-finals yesterday Central Command beat Nahal 7:0, while the Navy beat Training Command by 3:2 yesterday.

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Gur out of step

THE CHIEF OF STAFF, Mordechai Gur, in his determination to counter the State Comptroller's perturbing findings last week on some aspects of military preparedness, has gone too far. Evidently he has misjudged the public significance of these findings.

No one, least of all the Comptroller, would doubt the great efforts that have been invested in rebuilding and expanding the army in the three years since the Yom Kippur War. Nor would anyone claim that the army is a superhuman agency free of a normal complement of human frailties, like those that plague most of our society and economy.

The Comptroller, in keeping with his task, unearthed a number of random samples of worrisome shortcomings in the army, and especially in emergency ordnance depots of two select fighting brigades. He has quite correctly brought the General Staff's attention to the urgent need of checking whether these failures are not more widespread.

The Chief of Staff, for his part, incorrectly interpreted the publication of these findings as an attack on the army high command and decided to give battle by asserting that the Comptroller and his staff did not entirely understand what they had found. This is a dangerous and disingenuous tactic. It also goes beyond the Chief of Staff's proper role.

The inspection of army installations is carried out by State Comptroller staff members who are former army officers. They were fully cognizant of all the intricacies and implications of what they found. It is also a long established fact that if, in the past, the Comptroller has been guilty of any vice it is that of pulling his punches rather than over-stating his criticism.

The Comptroller's very serious findings must be accepted as fact, and his decision to publish them in all their starkness should be attributed to the delectable influence of what had been found by the Agranat Commission on which he served, and by an understandable sense of remorse at not unearthing similar failings prior to the Yom Kippur War.

Rav Aluf Gur was in Washington as Military Attache when the war broke out and is perhaps not sufficiently aware of the traumatic implication that the term "deficiencies in emergency ordnance depots" has for the general public and for the hundreds of thousands of reservists who rushed to the front lines three and a half years ago.

The pertinent question for the public is not whether there are acceptable explanations for the deficiencies stemming from the rapid growth and modernization of the army, but what is being done to correct these defects, uproot their cause and replace the men responsible for them.

As a people we have become dangerously nonchalant and fatalistic concerning the many defects which bedevil our public administration and other aspects of our society. The import of the Agranat Report was that it showed that this trait had also made inroads into the army despite blind public confidence that this was not so.

This confidence which was dangerously shaken in the aftermath of the war seems to have been partially restored due to the impressive quantitative rebuilding of the army. The fact that our army is largely a reserve army, however, has also meant that many reservists are personally aware of the failings which the Comptroller has now reported.

The impact of the report on the public's confidence in the army will depend to no little degree on the direction of the army high command's reaction. By continuing to criticize the Comptroller, the army will only undermine its confidence and create the suspicion that little has changed since 1973.

That such a monstrous suspicion is not necessarily true is less important than the uneasy feeling generated among the public by the Chief of Staff's campaign with its implications of a cover-up and a rejection of the principle of civilian oversight of the army as carried out by the most responsible and objective agency of our civilian establishment.

The Comptroller's findings should be taken for what they are intended to be — information from outside the sometimes clogged formal chain of command on the real condition of the army, and a call for urgent remedial action.

May Day rip off

AN ELECTION season is perhaps not the best time to consider the annual problem of May Day. But the hypocrisy of a situation in which fewer and fewer people have any emotional feeling for what was once a celebration of The Labouring Man and more and more people simply grab the opportunity of wangling another day away from the job should not escape our attention.

Moreover, the ambiguity which marks the day only makes things worse. If the Government believes that May Day is a holiday for the majority of the populace, it should be declared an official holiday and day of rest. If it does not, it should be treated as a regular working day.

Such clarity, as politically difficult as it may seem, is certainly to be preferred to a situation in which the Ministry of Education knowingly misleads thousands of parents with announcements that the schools will be functioning fully though most teachers will be absent.

WHY "WASTE" one's vote on Shulamit Aloni and her Citizens' Rights Movement in an election in which the crucial confrontation would seem to be between the "big three" or the "big two-and-a-half" and in which it is getting more and more difficult to distinguish between the score of smaller lists and would be lists?

We put the question as bluntly as that to Ms. Aloni, M.K., in an interview in an outdoor cafe in Jerusalem last week. Shulamit Aloni's reply was unabashed:

"It's because you need me in the Knesset as a spokesman for all the right causes, one who is guaranteed not to sell out and turn into a rubber stamp for the compromises of coalition politics. It's because we have proven that we can be an important catalyst in getting the Knesset to move on such issues or in torpedoing calamitous legislation."

Elaborating on this theme, Ms. Aloni demurely shifted from the "me" to the "us" of the CRM, which she heads. There is one of the false modesty bit about Shulamit Aloni. "I'm a very good lawyer although I haven't made any money from it since two years after becoming one. And I've been a very good Knesset Member."

Which is the crux of her argument in reply to the "wasted vote" thesis. The elections, she says, are for the Knesset and not for which coalition will rule Israel after May. The criterion which should guide voters, she adds, is the performance of the parties and their MKs in the Knesset.

If one buys this thesis and the criteria that go with it, there can be little doubt that Shulamit Aloni measures up as one of the best Members of Knesset ever. She is idealistic (her friendly critics would say, naively so) and extremely knowledgeable about all the libertarian causes which are important to Israelis influenced by Western political thought and practice. She knows the ins and outs of our local version of Byzantine politics. She is self-confident enough (politically foolhardy, the friendly critics would add, again) to speak up, vociferously, in support of the causes in which she believes, usually disregarding political consequences.

These causes include a Western concept of civil and individual rights that did little to coalesce her to the Labour Party, which she quit in 1973, or to the religious establishment,

READERS' LETTERS

REACTION TO THE RABINS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I believe some clarification should be made regarding Joseph Hirsch's letter of April 22 to which he asks: "How can a man who has violated a law passed by the Knesset be a candidate for the next Knesset?"

If Mr. Hirsch is referring to Yitzhak Rabin, Mr. Rabin was not accused of violating a law passed by the Knesset. He was accused of violating a law promulgated in 1949 during the British Mandate. It was not a law passed by a legislative assembly, but an ordinance promulgated by the High Commissioner for Palestine, Jerusalem. MARION E. HANKIN

Sir, — Mr. Hirsch's letter of April 22 suggests he has only one man in mind. Did he also have in mind three other candidates from certain small parties — all of whom have convictions for criminal offences and have or are serving prison sentences?

While not condoning Mr. Rabin's offence, I believe it was technical in that it caused the country indirect loss of foreign currency. Much more serious are the widespread strikes in the ports and airports.

I have yet to see an election programme from any party which even begins to indicate its attitude to these problems, except the empty words: "Change the party in power..." To what?

Herzliya. MORRIS SHIFRIN

Sir, — I was very sad and distressed at the treatment Yitzhak Rabin received in Israel. His contribution and achievement in the service of his people will always be remembered. Mr. Rabin's name has been dragged through the mire by the rest of the world. There can be no credit for those responsible. LEO BERGMAN

Coseley, West Midlands, England.

Sir, — As a Christian friend of Israel, I am disturbed by the moral decay which seems to have struck your country.

which is her particular *déjà vu*. She is anathema to the NRP because of her fight for women's rights and her espousal of civil marriage and the breaking of Orthodoxy's stranglehold on personal law. (Number four on the CRM's list is Rabbi Skirball, one of the few Reform Rabbis in Israel.)

She is anathema to former Prime Minister Golda Meir, one of whose accomplishments in office was the bumping of Ms. Aloni from a safe seat on the Alignment list in 1969 and 1973, after her first term in the Sixth Knesset. The two women have roughly the same regard for each other.

The Labour Party bosses who shuddered at Aloni's demonstrative individualism and breaking of party discipline during her first term in the Knesset were pleased to see her downgraded to an unsafe seat in the 1989 elections. Curiously, the Labour boss *par excellence*, the late Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, was her political patron and promised, futilely, to use his influence to overcome Golda's opposition to giving her a safe seat.

It is this inexorable opposition which created the CRM. In September of 1973, just before the Yom Kippur War, on the day before the parties' lists were to be submitted to the Central Elections Committee, Aloni discovered that, despite Sapir's support, she had again been relegated to the unrealistic part of the Alignment's list. In the remaining day or so she managed to recruit a list, sign up 750 supporters, plunk down the necessary deposit and start life as an independent party.

IT WAS believed then that she would either just make it into the Knesset or just miss. The war and the blind in which tens of thousands of voters



found themselves between wishing to vote against the Alignment because of the bungling in the war and blanching from voting for Menachem Begin, resulted in the CRM's getting three Knesset seats.

In the ensuing three and a half years, she was not invited to join the Golda coalition, although the CRM's three votes were badly needed for a majority; then she did join the first Rabin coalition from which the NRP had been excluded, only to leave four months later when the NRP was

not tolerated in a Prime Minister. What has surprised many of us here in Washington, who know the Rabins, and who know what the Rabins have done for Israel, is what sense of fairness in the personal judgments that have been passed, and the penalties that have been inflicted upon the Rabins. Why so violent a reaction, so out of context to the relatively minor charge?

Why has Israeli justice seemingly gone berserk in this situation? Why was it necessary to so humiliate this couple, both of whom have worked so selflessly, so tirelessly, and so effectively for their country?

NORMAN BERNSTEIN
Washington, D.C.

Sir, — Our Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, is a hard-working, distinguished man with a fabulous career behind him. Yet he gets the sack because of a few lousy dollars, and because his wife, Leah, is a vain woman — like many other women. By not transferring their dollars, the Rabins committed a small economic crime against their country, for which they worked so hard.

On the other hand, we have thousands and thousands of workers — the dockers, the airport workers, the seamen and their officers, to mention only a few, who ruin our country with unauthorized strikes that cost our economy millions of dollars. As a matter of fact, these strikes are major crimes for which the whole population has to pay. But are those strikers ever punished for their crimes? Instead of being punished, they are rewarded by an increase in salary.

What is wrong with our laws when a brilliant man like Mr. Rabin is humiliated and kicked out of office while the strikers go home with fatter paychecks?

DAVID F. DE LEVE
Netanya.

FOR THE RECORD

All the right causes

SHULAMIT ALONI, MK, tells YOSEF GOELL why she thinks voters ought to cast their ballots for her CRM. Although it is bound to remain a tiny Knesset faction, its influence will be felt.

readmitted together with Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael against whom she has waged a lengthy battle on the grounds of political morality.

On the outside the CRM joined forces with Labour maverick and defector Lyova Ellav, to form Ya'ad, and then split from Ya'ad, because Ellav aligned himself with the Council for Israel-Palestine Peace. In the process CRM shed MK Marcia Freedman to the Ellav faction.

In the frenetic preparations for the present elections, the possibility was considered of including Aloni and the CRM in the centre group which coalesced around the Democratic Movement for Change. Nothing came of this talk, because Aloni felt that the DMC was adopting the same big party, wishy-washy attitudes to civil liberties, which went along with its big party pretensions, and because of the DMC's demand that all adherents join as individuals and that sitting MKs resign their Knesset seats.

"We had a commitment to our voters to sit in the Knesset and represent them there. The DMC's demand was an unconscionable one, and was really an indication that they didn't want us," Ms. Aloni says. She is equally critical of the other small parties competing for the votes of the potential liberal electorate.

"From the point of view of attitudes and declarations, we are close to the Independent Liberals. The problem is that they are prepared to sacrifice everything for the purposes of continuing to sit in the Government. This is the way it was with the ILP's demands for the establishment of a Ministry of Social Betterment; that's the way it was with their surrender on the Hausser Bill for alternative civil marriage,

which they claimed was a concession for them.

"The clincher was their abstention with Arik Sharon. They sheer opportunism. What have got in common with Arik?"

"She'll be hopelessly divided social and domestic questions, believe that their current advance with terrorists — and I purpose say terrorists — not PLO — is extremely harmful. It's harmful because they lend a cachet, legitimacy when their prestige hit an all-time low as a result of Lebanese civil war."

SHULAMIT ALONI was the heroine of a new phenomenon in Israeli politics: using extra-political, personal popularity to make it into Knesset. Her career began on the basis of extremely popular programmes and columns in which she served as an unofficial ombudsman to take up cudgels against the ubiquitous bureaucracies and the religious establishment. This popularity translated in a decade and a half well publicized activity into a position as a foremost champion liberal cause.

Aloni speaks of her, and the CRM MK Boaz Moros, role in Knesset as that of catalyst. They have sparked numerous initiatives in the plenum and in Knesset committees for such causes as labour reform, a constitutional law civil liberties, women's rights, consumerism, and most recently recommendation by the Internal Committee to postpone further activity on the proposed construction of the nuclear power plant at Negev.

The problem is, as Shulamit admits, that although the CRM has been effective as a spokesman, it has been a catalyst for many new political departures, most of its initiatives have fizzled out when confronted with the realities of coalition politics.

In a vote for Shulamit Aloni in the CRM, a wasted vote? For the voter primarily involved in attempting to influence the coalition sweeps, the CRM, like the other small parties, is of only marginal importance. For those concerned with the Knesset as a goal in its own right, with having a tribune who speaks for liberal and libertarian causes both vocally and knowledgeably, regardless of eventual political results, Shulamit Aloni's arguments are much more convincing.

POSTSCRIPTS

IN WELCOMING the election of President Katzir as a foreign Fellow of Britain's Royal Society we should recall, in the interests of historical accuracy as well as in fairness to the memory of another eminent man, that he is not the first Israeli to be admitted to the ranks of the world's most distinguished association of scientists.

That honour was bestowed in 1967 on Saul Adler, the first professor of parasitology at the Hebrew University. Born in Russia, but taken to England as a child, he automatically retained his British nationality until his death in 1966, and was therefore elected to full fellowship of the Society.

The brilliant young Saul Adler translated his Zionism into practice in 1924, and joined the staff of the infant Hebrew University as an assistant lecturer. He found time, while building up a department of parasitology, to translate Darwin's "Origin of Species" into Hebrew, and very soon began to make an international reputation with his contributions to tropical medicine.

There are many people in the Middle East who have reason to be grateful to Adler — the very prototype of the absentminded professor — for starting research into the disfiguring "Jericho rose." But probably his most spectacular achievement, in the eye of the layman at least, was his discovery that leprosy could be transmitted to an animal, the Syrian hamster. This represented a notable breakthrough in the battle against one of the world's most feared scourges.

President Katzir is probably very proud to follow in the footsteps of a great scientist who was once his teacher and always his friend.

THE LATEST scandal to hit France involves the country's highest respected Minister of Culture, Francois Giroud.

It has now been alleged that for years the standard-bearer of women's rights has falsely claimed to have been awarded the coveted Medaille de la Resistance for her work in the underground during the German occupation. Six holders of the medal denounce her as an impostor, saying that her name is not listed in their records.

Mrs. Giroud told a TV audience that she received the medal at the same time as her sister, in September 1945. An impressive list of Resistance leaders has rallied to her support. One has told a court inquiry about her work under his command in the British-run SOR network. Another said she fully deserved the medal. A third swore he saw the documents relating to the award. All say that the records were in a state of disorder and could easily have been lost.

As Robin Smyth writes in an *Observer* article on the scandal, Francois Giroud, after being decorated in the first round of the Paris municipal elections, "is left searching for his and the memories of her friends to defend her honour."

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Election Commentary

The Muckrakers

Israel has never seen a dirtier election campaign. The Likud, in particular, having run out of any constructive ideas it ever had, has come down to mere insinuation and abuse. The principle, it appears, is: If you throw enough mud, some of it will stick.

We believe the voters have enough sense to understand when their intelligence is being insulted. They know that, after a generation of government under Labour leadership, the rule of law is firmly entrenched in Israel. They know that, under this much-battered "regime," we have an impartial and incorruptible judiciary.

They know that the Attorney-General and his office have been left free to enforce the law, without political interference, even when it meant serious embarrassment for the party in power.

After a generation in the wilderness, the frustrated politicians of the jingoist and anti-labour factions that make up the Likud think that, at long last, power is within their grasp. We believe that they are in for their ninth successive failure. We believe that the people of Israel will reject the muckrakers on May 17.

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